

Youssef Calls on Clinton to Confront Egyptian Government

As news reports reveal that 23 people were killed and more than 90 injured in the New Year's Day attack on Egyptian Christians, some leaders are looking to the U.S. government to step in.

Indeed, Michael Youssef, founder and president of "Leading The Way," a weekly television broadcast that airs in more than 200 countries in 20 languages, is asking U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to pressure the Egyptian Government to bring back law and order, and to grant Christians the same liberties as Muslims.

"This so-called religion of peace sent out another message of carnage and bloodshed outside of a Coptic Christian Church in Alexandria, Egypt on New Year's Day," says Youssef. "This is one in a series of recent, planned attacks. These terrorists must be stopped."

Youssef points to eye witness accounts of the attack that reveal a car bomb was used with the words "More to come" written on the car. Moreover, he notes a memo recently published by al-Qaeda that listed Egyptian churches and pastors as targets in their ongoing war against believers in Jesus Christ. The violence has increased dramatically in recent weeks.

"I believe these recent attacks reflect the impotence, or should I say selective impotence, of the government of President Mubarak," stated Dr. Youssef. "In the past, terrorist activities by Islamic extremists that impacted the Egyptian economy caused the government to move swiftly to eliminate the perpetrators. But of late, as attacks on Christians happened again and again and again, the government

and its security apparatus dragged its feet.”

Youssef was born in Egypt, lived in Lebanon and Australia before coming to the United States. In 1984, he fulfilled a childhood dream of becoming an American citizen.

Clinton was not immediately available for comment. *Charisma* will report back if Clinton responds.